GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:340
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UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to provide unique identification number to all beneficiaries of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has been finalized by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on allocation of such unique identification numbers to the beneficiaries of ESIC; and

(d) the time by which such numbers are likely to be allocated to all the beneficiaries of ESIC in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.340 FOR 22.12.2008 REGARDING "UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS".

(a)to (d): The Employees' State Insurance Corporation has a system of providing Unique Identification Numbers to Insured Persons covered under the ESI Scheme.This is a continuous process. Laminated Identity Cards bearing such identification number are provided to the Insured Persons.Beneficiaries like family members of the Insured Persons are not separately provided any separate number,but avail themselves of the benefits with reference to the Identification number given for the Insured Person.

An IT roll out plan is in the process of finalisation.The last date for submission of bids is 19th January, 2009. During the roll out and implementation of the project, a suitable computer enabled card will be issued to each Insured Person which would carry the unique identification number so that in case the Insured Person changes jobs he does not face any difficulty in getting ESI benefits. The estimation of expenditure would be known only after the bids are finalised. The likely time-taken to roll out the plan is 18 months after it is finalised.